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WATSON REELECTED

John Watson of Southern Pines was elected to a second one year term as President of the Carolina Bird Club at its annual meeting held May 10, 1986 at Kanuga Conference Center. Also elected to their second one year terms were Secretary Marcia Perdue and Treasurer Zack Bynum. Martha Frederick of Tryon was elected as Region I (Western NC) Vice-President. New Members-at-Large for Region I are Bob Odear of High Point (1 yr term) and Bill Hough of Pisgah Forest (2 yr term). Region II (Eastern NC) Members-at-Large were relected; Ken Knapp to a 2 year term and Ron Morris to a 1 year term. The different term lengths were necessary to reestablish an orderly rotation of officers on the executive committee.

In other action the Club adopted amendments to the by-laws pertaining to the terms of officers as proposed in the spring Newsletter. The Club also passed resolutions supporting the North Carolina Museum of Natural History in seeking funding from the NC General Assembly for a new building and opposing the building of a dry dam affecting William B. Umstead State Park near Raleigh, NC. (see following article)

CLUB OPPOSES DAM

The Carolina Bird Club has joined the Umstead Coalition in opposing construction of Federal Soil Conservation Service Structure 25, the last of a series of flood control dams which would protect extensive commercial development in the floodplain of Crabtree Creek in Wake County, NC. The focus of concern is William B. Umstead State Park, a 5,221 acre oasis of green in the rapidly urbanizing Research Triangle. In times of high water the dam would cause flooding of 292 acres of prime park wetlands noted for their wildflowers and wildlife habitat. Wake County, which is pushing the project, has agreed to pay for a 50 acre addition of uplands to the park in mitigation. However, conservationists claim that this is an uneven swap and would set a dangerious precedent in similar situations.

The park is under other pressures with the growth of Raleigh-Durham Airport, stone quarry activities nearby, and future plans for a National Guard armory. Of special concern are plans for commercial development in Brownleigh Industrial Park which have been approved by the Wake County Board of Adjustment. The State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development has indicated that it will sue the County because of the threat to the park posed by increased surface run-off.

Umstead Park was donated to the State of North Carolina by the federal government in 1944. The National Park Service is charged with enforcing the strict conditions of the gift, and it is hoped that the efforts of CBC and other conservation organizations will result in protective action.

THANKS

The highly successful spring meeting at the Kanuga Conference Center was the work of a committee of Brevard, NC area CBC members. Headed by John Bronson, the committee included his wife, Marjorie, Bill & Norma Seibenheller, Jeanette & Pat Austin, Ray & Kay Brown, Bill & Jean Hough, George & Ercel Francis, and Betty McIlwain.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The fall meeting of the Carolina Bird Club will be held at the Armada Inn, Nags Head, NC, October 3-5, 1986.

Welcome New Members

DORIS JEAN ALEXANDER
Raleigh, NC

TONY & ANN DAVIES
Greensboro, NC

MARGIE DAVIS
Wendell, NC

PAMELA E. GRUBBS
Charlotte, NC

STEVEN GUY
Martinez, GA

ELIZABETH HAWFIELD
Pineville, NC

MRS. FRANK KOSH
Wilmington, NC

BARBARA MCINTYRE
Raleigh, NC

MAUREEN RAMSEY
Raleigh, NC

C. PHILLIP WHITWORTH
Forest City, NC

JULIA WREN
Apex, NC

GOODBYE RON

Western NC Vice-President Ron Warner will soon be leaving North Carolina for Westchester County, NY. He and his wife, Debbie will be moving Blue Rock School, a private school of which she is the director and he the headmaster. Ron recently completed work on his teaching certificate at UNC-Asheville. Ron's contributions to the Club will be sorely missed.

MS. UROPYGIAL--YES/NO?

The editor has received both positive and negative comments on the Ms. Uropygial question and answer column appearing in the spring issue. An Orangeburg, SC member wrote "I am glad you are answering questions." However, a Raleigh, NC member complained "I found the Ms. Uropygial feature revolting and degrading." Send the editor your vote!

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NECROLOGY

CBC notes with regret the deaths of MISS MARGARET HARPER, Lenoir (life member), OSCAR PICKETT, Durham (life member), and MRS. RAYMOND SAFFORD, Tryon.

CBC RARE BIRD ALERT

Report of birding activities - - 704/875-2525

To make report of sighting only- 704/875-6521

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